It is very difficult to estimate at this stage the quantity and value itf steel involved in the above investigations. However, as opportunity to export in future will depend upon the outcome of the cases, lost in terms of losing good markets may have a bearing on both volume and value.

(d) Anti-Dumping investigations in various countries are carried out under the provisions of "WTO Agreement on Anti-Dumping". Governments are not supposed to initiate retaliatory measures against such investigations. However, in the event of any breach of the Agreement by any country while carrying out Anti-Dumping investigations, Government of India can take recourse to the dispute Settlement Mechanism of WTO.

(e) Government of India has set up the "Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties" in the Ministry of Commerce. The Designated Authority on receipt of an application on behalf of the concerned domestic industry or otherwise, initiates necessary action for investigations and subsequent imposition of Anti-Dumping Duties, when there is sufficient evidence that the dumped imports are causing or threatening to cause material injury to the Indian industry producing like articles. On a petition received from SAIL and others, India has already imposed Anti-Dumping Duties on the imports of Hot Rolled Coils from the CIS countries.

Tobacco storage in Andhra Pradesh

1842. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether tobacco growers, especially in Andhra Pradesh face storage problems; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to modernise storage system to help the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(B) Does not arise.